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SUSPENSION CALENDAR

- 1) **To amend title 11, District of Columbia Code, to redesignate the Family Division of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia as the Family Court of the Superior Court, to recruit and retain trained and experienced judges to serve in the Family Court, to promote consistency and efficiency in the assignment of judges to the Family Court and in the consideration of actions and proceedings in the Family Court, and for other purposes** (H.R. 2657). 
This bill has no budget implications.
- 2) **To amend the charter of Southeastern University of the District of Columbia** (H.R. 2061). 
This bill has no budget implications.
- 3) **Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2001** (H.R. 1900). 
This bill will not increase direct spending or decrease revenue.

LEGISLATION CONSIDERED UNDER A RULE

- Bill:** **National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002** (H.R. 2586). 
- Committee:** Armed Services
- Summary:** This bill authorizes appropriations of \$343 billion for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Department of Energy. It indicates the appropriate numbers for active duty and reserve personnel. The bill reduces net direct spending by technical restructuring of the Tricare for Life Program, and through the sale of Government assets. H.R. 2586 saves a net total \$384 million during the period of fiscal years 2002-2006, and \$355 million during the period of fiscal years 2002-2011. That direct spending reduction reflects receipts from asset sales of \$44 million over the next 5 years, and \$20 million over 10 years. These receipts are classified as a credit against budget authority, and hence identified as a net reduction in spending.
- Budget Act:** Because the bill causes a reduction in direct spending in the first fiscal year and over the 5-year period, and does not cause a loss of revenue during those periods, spending and revenue points of order of the Budget Act will not apply. The legislation includes several technical violations of the Budget Act related to the jurisdiction of the Budget Committee and new contract authority. The violations are inconsequential, however, and the Budget Committee Chairman will not object to the necessary waivers.

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Bill: *Military Construction Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2002.*
Committee: Appropriations
Summary: The Appropriations Committee had not released the Congressional Budget Office [CBO] estimate of this bill as of the preparation of this Budget Week summary.
Budget Act: Because the CBO estimate is not available, it has not been determined whether this appropriations bill is within its 302(b) allocation.

ON THE HORIZON

Airline Assistance Legislation: This legislation, expected within the next several days, is intended to assist the United States air transportation system following the terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001. It is expected to provide compensation to air carriers for losses sustained as a result of the terrorist attacks. The Budget Committee will seek to provide further analysis when information becomes available.